

# **Nevada Injury Facts**

*From the Nevada Death Registry*

In the year 2003, many people died from injuries in the state of Nevada. Among them:

- 423 died from suicide
- 351 died from motor vehicle accidents
- 263 died from accidental poisonings
- 178 died from homicide
- 92 died from accidental falls
- 71 died as pedestrians
- 28 died from drowning
- 16 died from fire, smoke, or flames
- 5 died from firearm accidents

Unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death for ages 5 through 44.

In 2003, eighteen percent of high school students reported that they had considered suicide in the previous 12 months and 9% had made an actual suicide attempt.



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# **Injury Prevention**



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Nevada safe!***



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*Injury is the leading cause of death and disability among children and young adults in the state of Nevada. In the year 2003, over 1,400 Nevadans died from some type of injury.*



## What is Injury?

Injury is a serious public health problem because of its impact on the health of Americans, including premature death, disability, and the burden on our health care system. It is important to remember that injuries are preventable and can be controlled. The vision of the Nevada State Health Division is to change the way people think about injuries. People need to believe that they can do something to make safety a reality.



## Types of Injuries



### Unintentional Injuries

Bicycle Injuries  
Pedestrian Injuries  
Fall Injuries  
Fire and Burn Injuries  
Motor Vehicle Injuries  
Accidental Poisonings  
Drowning/Submersion Injuries  
Spinal Cord Injuries  
Traumatic Brain Injuries  
Accidental Firearm Injuries

### Intentional Injuries

Assault  
Violence Against Women  
Homicide Injuries  
Suicide Injuries  
Intentional Firearm Injuries  
Intentional Poisonings/Overdoses



## Goals

The goals of the Nevada Injury Prevention Program are to **reduce injuries, disabilities and deaths due to intentional and unintentional injuries** by helping Nevada residents remain:

**Safe at Home** from injuries resulting from fires, falls, poisonings, drowning, child abuse and domestic violence.

**Safe on the Move** from injuries caused by motor vehicle, bicycle, and motorcycle crashes, as well as injuries sustained by pedestrians.

**Safe at School** from injuries sustained on the playground, while playing sports, and as a result of youth violence.

**Safe at Work** from injuries related to environmental hazards, equipment, and working conditions.

**Safe in the Community** from unintentional injuries caused by fires, falls, and drowning in public places, and from intentional injuries such as self-inflicted injury and assault.

